



# City of Biggs

## Agenda Item Staff Report For the Regular City Council Meeting: February 12, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: Letters in Support of the SBFCA Project

Council is asked to consider sending letters to the US Army Corp of Engineers and US Representative Doug LaMalfa in the support of the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) project.

### **Background**

At its January meeting SBFCA supplied an example letter of support of its project, and more specifically in support of expedited project review by the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE). Mayor Frith condensed SBFCA's example to the USACE, and tailored a version to US Representative Doug LaMalfa.

Two Attachments:

DRAFT Letter to the US Army Corp of Engineers.

DRAFT Letter to US Representative Doug LaMalfa.

### **Recommendation:**

Consider the concept of the letters, their content, discuss any desired edits, and/or approve the letters for signatures.

### **Fiscal Impact of Recommendation:**

None

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Mark Sorensen, City Administrator



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Mr. Bradd Schwichtenberg, Civil Deputy - SPD RIT  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
441 G Street NW  
Washington, DC 20314

Dear Mr. Schwichtenberg:

On behalf of the residents of the City of Biggs, California, we strongly encourage the expedited review and approval of the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency's (SBFCA) 408 permit application for its Feather River West Levee Project.

The City of Biggs has partnered with other local cities, counties and levee districts to form SBFCA in 2007, actively contributing to the development of the Feather River West Levee Project. The California Department of Water Resources is funding half the cost of project design, which is expected to be completed in February 2013. The state is also expected to pay as much as 76 percent of project construction costs using Prop 1E funding. We are contributing to the project with our local cost share, funded by property assessments approved in 2010. All the necessary pieces are in place. However, this critically important project cannot move forward without Corps approval of the 408 permit. We need to move the project forward on schedule and on budget.

Our community, as a member of SBFCA, has leveraged scarce public dollars to repair levees that are known to be structurally deficient. These levees are necessary to protecting our properties, lives and livelihoods. This vote of support from our economically disadvantaged community is especially remarkable given the current economic climate.

With that in mind, we implore the Corps to expedite the review and approval of SBFCA's 408 permit. We respectfully request a formal response to this letter that includes a proposed plan and timeline for approval, one that allows the project to proceed on schedule and within budget.

Sincerely,

Roger Frith, Mayor

James Sheppard, Vice Mayor

Douglas Arnold, Council Member

John Busch, Council Member

Angela Thompson, Council Member

Cc: Doug LaMalfa, Congressman, CA 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Dan Logue, Assemblyman, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Jim Nielson, State Senator, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
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The Honorable Doug LaMalfa  
US Congressional, California 1<sup>st</sup> District  
506 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. LaMalfa:

On behalf of the residents of the City of Biggs, we are requesting your assistance in securing a commitment by the US Army Corps of Engineers to expedite the review and approval of the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency's (SBFCA) 408 permit application for its Feather River West Levee Project. We respectfully request your office secure a proposed plan and timeline for approval, one that allows the project to proceed on schedule and within budget.

As you are aware the City of Biggs has partnered with other local cities, counties and levee districts to form SBFCA in 2007, actively contributing to the development of the Feather River West Levee Project. The California Department of Water Resources is funding half the cost of project design, which is expected to be completed in February 2013. The state is also expected to pay as much as 76 percent of project construction costs using Prop 1E funding. We are contributing to the project with our local cost share, funded by property assessments approved in 2010. All the necessary pieces are in place. However, this critically important project cannot move forward without Corps approval of the 408 permit.

Our community, as a member of SBFCA, has leveraged scarce public dollars to repair levees that are known to be structurally deficient. These levees are necessary to protecting our properties, lives and livelihoods.

With that in mind, we respectfully request you and your office urge the Corps to expedite the review and approval of SBFCA's 408 permit.

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